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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Hiroyuki MURAMATSU et al. :  
Serial No. 09/748,326 : Group Art Unit - 2834  
Filed: December 26, 2000 : Examiner: Mark Osborne Budd  
For: PULSE DETECTING DEVICE :  
AND METHOD OF MANUFAC- :  
TURING THE SAME : Docket No. S004-4175

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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated November 27,  
2001, applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF INVENTION:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the  
invention characterized by the Examiner as Group I drawn to a  
piezoelectric pulse detection device and submit that claims  
1-17 are readable on the elected invention.



REMARKS

In the last Action, restriction was required between claims 1-17 drawn to a piezoelectric pulse detection device and claim 18 drawn to a method of manufacturing a piezoelectric device. The Examiner stated that the two inventions are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicants were required to elect one of the two inventions for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has provisionally elected the invention of Group I drawn to a piezoelectric pulse detection device and submit that claims 1-17 are readable on the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or applicants' decision to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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